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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today issued the following statement after voting against the The Budget Control Act of 2011 introduced by Speaker of the House John Boehner.

Congressman Altmire said:

"Speaker Boehner's plan doesn't provide the one thing our economy and the financial markets need right now – stability. Any package that kicks the can down the road for four months to six months jeopardizes America's credit rating and isn't a responsible effort. The goal is to stabilize the economy, not continue to promote political division and financial uncertainty. The clock is quickly counting down. Rather than wasting our time with backroom deals that have no hope of seeing the light of day, it's time to get a package together that all Members can support, realizing we'll all have to compromise to do what is right for the country."

Committed to fiscal responsibility, Congressman Altmire has co-sponsored two balanced budget amendments to the constitution. Together, these amendments would make significant cuts in spending, while also putting America back on the path to fiscal prosperity without jeopardizing important programs to seniors and national security.